

XXXIV.—*On a Collection of Birds made in Southern Palawan by Mr. E. Lemprière.* By R. BOWDLER SHARPE, F.L.S., F.Z.S., &c., Department of Zoology, British Museum.

(Plate VIII.)

THE contributions to our knowledge of the avifauna of the island of Palawan are two in number, viz. :—my own paper on the birds collected by Professor J. B. Steere in the Philippine archipelago, published in the ‘Transactions of the Linnean Society’ (second series, Zoology, vol. i. pp. 307–355); and Lord Tweeddale’s account of the collections made by Mr. Everett (P. Z. S. 1878, pp. 611–624). The chief interest attaching to Mr. Lemprière’s collection arises from the fact that it has been made in a portion of the island yet unvisited, and that, as will be seen, it not only contains examples of many of the species discovered by Professor Steere and Mr. Everett, but also brings to our knowledge one or two undescribed kinds of birds.

CACATUA HEMATUROPYGIA (Müll.).

Cacatua hæmaturopygia (Müll.); Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 312; Wardlaw Ramsay, Orn. Works Marq. Tweed. p. 655.

New to Palawan.

TANYGNATHUS LUCONENSIS (L.).

Tanygnathus luconensis (L.); Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 312; Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 612; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 655.

Procured by Prof. Steere and Mr. Everett.

CENTROCOCCYX EURYCERCUS (Blyth).

Centrococcyx eurycercus (Blyth); Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 614; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 656.

Found also by Mr. Everett.

DRYOCOCCYX HARRINGTONI, Sharpe.

Phœnicophaes harringtoni, Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 613; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 656.

Several specimens. This species was discovered by Prof. Steere, and afterwards found by Mr. Everett at Puerto Princessa.



Lord Tweeddale was inclined to regard the structural difference in the nostrils as of specific rather than generic importance.

CHRYSOCOLAPTES ERYTHROCEPHALUS, Sharpe.

Chrysocolaptes erythrocephalus, Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 315; Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 612; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 655.

A fine adult male.

TIGA EVERETTI, Tweedd.

Tiga everetti, Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 612; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 655.

Tiga javanensis, Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 315 (nec Ljungh).

It will be noticed that in my paper on Prof. Steere's birds I doubted the identity of the Palawan *Tiga* with the Bornean *T. javanensis*. The only specimen brought by Prof. Steere from Palawan was in poor condition, and I did not like to separate the bird specifically; but Lord Tweeddale has since named it *Tiga everetti*, and Mr. Lemprière's series amply confirms the distinctness of the Palawan species.

THRIPONAX HARGITTI, sp. n. (Plate VIII.)

Thriponax javensis, pt.; Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 314.

Three specimens of this large black Woodpecker, which I am afraid I wrongly identified in 1876, when Prof. Steere procured in Palawan an example which I referred to *T. javensis*. On showing Mr. Lemprière's skins to my friend Mr. Hargitt, the latter gentleman pointed out to me that they could not belong to *T. javensis*, as they had a white rump, whereas *T. javensis* is entirely black above. The white rump is a character peculiar to a section of the genus *Thriponax*, and therefore the nearest ally of the Palawan Black Woodpecker is *Thriponax feddeni* of Burmah. It may, however, be distinguished from the latter species by its perfectly black primaries. The Palawan Woodpecker may therefore be diagnosed as follows:—

THRIPONAX HARGITTI, sp. n.

T. similis T. feddeni, sed primariis basaliter nigris distinguendus: long. tot. 16·5, culmen 2·15, alæ 8·3, caudæ 6·6, tarsi 1·45.

I have ventured to attach to this species the name of Mr. Edward Hargitt, who is doing such excellent work with the Picidæ.

ALCEDO BENGALENSIS, Gm.

Alcedo bengalensis, Gm.; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 655.

New to Palawan.

PELARGOPSIS LEUCOCEPHALA (Gm.).

Pelargopsis leucocephala (Gm.); Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 317; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 655.

Two specimens. Found by Prof. Steere in the island.

CEYX RUFIDORSA, Strickl.

Ceyx rufidorsa, Strickl.; Sharpe, Monogr. Alced. pl. 41.

New to the Philippine group.

CORONE PUSILLA (Tweedd.).

Corvus pusillus, Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 622; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 658.

Several specimens in the collection. I think, in contravention to the opinion of the late Lord Tweeddale, that this is one of the races of *C. enca*. The wing varies from 9·3 to 10·4.

BUCHANGA LEUCOPHÆA (V.).

Buchanga leucophæa (V.); Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 615; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 656.

Buchanga cineracea, Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 324.

Already obtained in Palawan by Prof. Steere and Mr. Everett.

CHIBIA PALAWANENSIS (Tweedd.).

Dicrurus palawanensis, Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 614; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 656.

This species appears to me to be distinct, as the specimens bear out the observations of Lord Tweeddale, who possessed a special knowledge of these puzzling birds. The lanceolate spangles on the fore neck, however, will distinguish it from *C. pectoralis*, like which species it has the throat unspotted.

ORIOLOUS PALAWANENSIS.

Broderipus palawanensis, Tweeddale, *t. c.* p. 616; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 657.

Three specimens, which bear out the characters of the species as defined by Lord Tweeddale. In two of them the wing measures 5·9 inches, in the third 5·6.

ARTAMIDES SUMATRENSIS (S. Müll.).

Artamides sumatrensis (S. Müll.) ; Sharpe, Cat. B. iv. p. 12.

Graucalus sumatrensis, Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 323 ; Tweeddale, *t. c.* p. 614.

Examples of both sexes are in the collection.

PERICROCOTUS IGNEUS, Blyth.

Pericrocotus igneus, Blyth ; Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 324 ; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 656.

Found only by Prof. Steere, and not by Mr. Everett.

PERICROCOTUS CINEREUS, Lafresn.

Pericrocotus cinereus, Lafresn. ; Sharpe, Cat. B. iv. p. 83 ; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 656.

Recorded by Capt. Wardlaw Ramsay in his Systematic Catalogue as from Palawan, but I do not know on what authority, as neither Prof. Steere nor Mr. Everett met with it.

SIPHIA LEMPRIERI, sp. n.

Adult male. General colour above dull blue, with half-concealed tufts of white on the sides of the rump ; lesser wing-coverts brighter cobalt, forming a shoulder-patch ; median and greater series blackish, externally like the back ; bastard wing, primary-coverts, and quills black, with narrow margins of dull blue, broader on the secondaries ; tail-feathers blackish, greenish blue externally ; head like the back, the base of the forehead brighter cobalt, extending backwards over the eye and forming an eyebrow ; lores black ; sides of face and ear-coverts and cheeks black, glossed with dull blue ; a moustachial line of blue feathers tipped with white ; a black chin-spot ; throat and fore neck orange-buff, extending down

the sides of the body, but paler, and inclining to whitish below the black chin-spot; centre of breast and abdomen white, as also the under tail-coverts, with a slight tinge of buff; lateral breast-feathers tipped with blue, like the back; thighs white, with blackish bases; axillaries and under wing-coverts white, slightly tinged with buff; edge of wing blue. Total length 5·9 inches, culmen 0·7, wing 2·9, tail 2·5, tarsus 0·7.

This species is closely allied to *Siphia philippensis*, but is much larger, of a more greenish blue, and is especially distinguished by the white moustache, forming a narrow line down each side of the throat.

ZEOCEPHUS CYANESCENS, Sharpe.

Zeocephus cyanescens; Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 328, pl. 48. fig. 2; id. Cat. B. iv. p. 343.

A single specimen of what I believe to be the female of this species. It is like a huge *Hypothymis*, but I believe it to be really the other sex of *Z. cyanescens*.

General colour above dark vinaceous brown, rather clearer on the rump and upper tail-coverts; wing-coverts duller brown, the greater series externally edged with vinaceous brown; quills dark brown, externally margined with reddish brown, much paler and more tawny rufous along the outer webs of the secondaries; tail-feathers dull rufous, browner on the edges; head crested, dull cyaneous, more dusky in front of the eye; sides of face, cheeks, and under surface of body from the throat to the breast pale ashy cyaneous, dull whitish on the flanks and under tail-coverts, with a faint vinous tinge; sides of neck dull cyaneous, washed with brown; axillaries light fulvous; under wing-coverts dark brown, washed with dull blue; quills dusky brown below, ashy fulvous along the edge of the inner web. Total length 6·8 inches, culmen 0·8, wing 3·35, tail 3·35, tarsus 0·7.

Lord Tweeddale, in describing his *Trichostoma rufifrons* (P. Z. S. 1878, p. 616), suggests that *Z. cyanescens* may be congeneric with *T. rufifrons*. I have described and classified the Timeliidæ since that time, and find that *T. rufifrons* is a

Turdinus (Cat. B. vii. p. 546), while *Zeocephus* is a true Fly-catcher, nearly allied to *Terpsiphone*.

IRENA TWEEDDALII, Sharpe.

Irena tweeddalii, Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 333; id. Cat. B. vi. p. 178; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 657.

Several specimens of both sexes. Mr. Everett does not appear to have met with it.

ANUOPSIS CINEREICEPS (Tweedd.).

Anuopsis cinereiceps (Tweedd.); Sharpe, Cat. B. vii. p. 590.

Dryocataphus cinereiceps, Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 617; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 657.

Two specimens in full plumage.

CINNYRIS AURORA (Tweedd.); Shelley, Monogr. Nect. pl. 47. fig. 1; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 658.

Cyrtostomus aurora, Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 620.

Some specimens of this beautiful species are in the collection.

HIRUNDO JAVANICA, Sparrm.

Hirundo javanica, Sparrm.; Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 615; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 657.

One specimen.

EULABES JAVANENSIS, Osb.

Eulabes javanensis, Osb.; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 658.

Gracula javanensis, Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 622.

Procured also by Prof. Steere and Mr. Everett.

CALORNIS PANAYENSIS (Scop.).

Calornis panayensis (Scop.); Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 622; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 658.

Found also by Mr. Everett and Prof. Steere.

PITTA SORDIDA (Müll.).

Brachyurus sordidus, Sharpe, *t. c.* p. 331.

Melanopitta sordida, Tweedd. *t. c.* p. 919; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 657.

One specimen sent.

CARPOPHAGA *ÆNEA*, Tick.

Carpophaga ænea, Tick.; Tweeddd. *t. c.* p. 623; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 659.

Observed by Mr. Everett at Puerto Princesa.

PTILOPUS MELANOCEPHALUS (Forst.).

Ptilopus melanocephalus (Forst.); Tweeddd. *t. c.* p. 951; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 659.

New to Palawan, but known from South Mindanao, Basilan, and the Sulu Islands.

MEGAPODIUS CUMINGI, Dillw.

Megapodius cumingi, Dillw.; Tweeddd. *t. c.* p. 624.

Two specimens. See Lord Tweeddale's remarks, *l. c.*

ÆGIALITIS PERONI (Temm.).

Ægialitis peronii (Temm.); Tweeddd. *t. c.* p. 344; Wardlaw Ramsay, *t. c.* p. 659.

This species was found by Mr. Everett in Leyte and Bohol. Is this the *Ægialitis cantianus* of Lord Tweeddale (P. Z. S. 1878, p. 624) ?

ÆGIALITIS GEOFFROYI, Wagl.

Eudromias geoffroyi, Tweeddd. *t. c.* pp. 344, 624.

Found by Mr. Everett at Puerta Princesa.

XXXV.—*Remarks on the Eighth and Ninth Volumes of the 'Catalogue of the Birds in the British Museum.'* By T. SALVADORI, C.M.Z.S, For. Memb. B.O.U.

THE eighth and ninth volumes of the 'Catalogue of the Birds in the British Museum' have been prepared by Mr. Gadow. It is not my intention to write a complete critical review of them, but only to proffer some remarks especially on those points in which I am concerned, or which are well known to me, as relating mostly to Papuan species.

The eighth volume contains the Paridæ, Laniidæ, and Certhiomorphæ.

In the Introduction (p. viii) Mr. Gadow mentions the names of eight "gentlemen, who by the loan of specimens have